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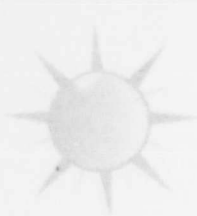
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Hill, Mecham ahead in supervisor races

Rachel Glas
MUSTANG DAILY

Tuesday night's election went smoothly as voters in San Luis Obispo county elected many new faces to public office.

Cal Poly English professor Adam Hill beat incumbent Jerry Lenthall for 5th District county supervisor with 58 percent of the vote.

Hill — whose platform stressed smart growth, public safety and increasing alternate forms of transportation — thinks that voters were ready for a change.

"I've tried to knock on doors and meet as many people as possible. I've listened to what voters are concerned about and it seems that they are looking for new leadership," he said.

Hill, who must resign as a Cal Poly professor when he takes office in January, said his first priority will

be to work on budgetary matters.

"Leaving Cal Poly was the toughest part of my decision to run. I'm nothing but proud to be part of the school."

The 3rd District county supervisor race, however, was too close to call at press time as incumbent Jim Patterson was beating challenger Debbie Arnold 51 percent to 48 percent. Arnold, former aide to both Assemblyman Sam Blakeslee and former 3rd District Supervisor Mike Ryan, mounted a strong campaign with a considerable amount of donations from the community.

The challenger for the 1st District county supervisor seat, current Paso Robles Mayor Frank Mecham, beat seven-time incumbent Harry Ovitt in a landslide victory, 64 percent to 35 percent.

San Luis Obispo County also vot-

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Cal Poly students vote for local officials, including county supervisors, and state propositions 98 and 99 in the University Union Tuesday.

Obama projected to win Democratic nomination



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Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., waves to supporters before speaking at a primary rally Tuesday in St. Paul, Minn.

Tom Raum and Nedra Pickler

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ST. PAUL, Minn. — Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois sealed the Democratic presidential nomination Tuesday, a historic step toward his once-improbable goal of becoming the nation's first black president. A vanquished Hillary Rodham Clinton maneuvered for the vice presidential spot on his fall ticket.

Obama's victory set up a five-month campaign with Republican Sen. John McCain of Arizona, a race between a 46-year-old opponent of the Iraq War and a 71-year-old former Vietnam prisoner of war and staunch supporter of the current U.S. military mission.

Both men promptly exchanged criticism over the war in Iraq and sought to claim the mantle of change in a country plainly tired of the status quo.

"It's not change when John McCain decided to stand with George Bush 95 percent of the time, as he did in the Senate last year," Obama said in remarks prepared for delivery in St. Paul, Minn.

"It's not change when he offers four more years of Bush economic policies that have failed to create well-paying jobs. ... And it's not change when he promises to continue a policy in Iraq that asks

everything of our brave young men and women in uniform and nothing of Iraqi politicians." In a symbolic move, he spoke in the same hall where McCain will accept the Republican nomination at his party's convention in September.

McCain spoke first, in New Orleans, and he accused his younger rival of voting "to deny funds to the soldiers who have done a brilliant and brave job" in Iraq. It was a reference to 2007 legislation to pay for the Iraq war, a measure Obama opposed citing the lack of a timetable for withdrawing troops.

McCain agreed with Obama that the presidential race would focus on change. "But the choice is between the right change and the wrong change, between going forward and going backward," he added.

Obama sealed his nomination, according to The Associated Press tally, based on primary elections, state Democratic caucuses and delegates' public declarations as well as support from 19 delegates and "superdelegates" who privately confirmed their intentions to the AP. It takes 2,118 delegates to clinch the nomination at the convention in Denver this summer, and Obama had 2,129 by the AP count.

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Sales tax increase passes in Pismo

Hayley Bramble
MUSTANG DAILY

The votes are in, but the debate over the controversial Measure C, also known as the Pismo Beach Vital Public Service Protection Measure, is not likely to cease.

The sales tax in the city of Pismo Beach will increase from 7.25 percent to 7.75 percent. The increased tax will provide the city with \$1 million per year, which city officials said is desperately needed to maintain infrastructure and keep the city in good working condition.

The measure passed with 55.79 percent of 2,332 voters in favor of the increase.

City officials stated that budget cuts have left little money to spend on street and sidewalk maintenance, pier repairs and storm drain replacement, and that the tax increase was necessary to accommodate for cuts, raise funds and maintain the quality and beauty of the city through maintenance and repairs.

Prior to the election, Pismo Beach Mayor Mary Ann Reiss, said her first priority would be funding the repair and resurfacing of the neighborhood streets if the measure passed.

"They've been long neglected. We've been able to do some of the major arteries like Price Street and James Way, but not the neighborhood streets," she said.

The Pismo Beach Chamber of Commerce and the Pismo Beach City Council both support the measure.

The funds from the increased local tax will be used locally as the city sees fit.

For that reason, some oppose the measure, stating that there is no specific plan for the funds raised, so the council may allocate the funds to any cause they choose.

"They're against an increase in sales tax, period," Reiss speculated. Reiss said a sunset clause included in the measure keeps the tax in place for six and a half years, after which residents have the opportunity to vote on the measure again. Reiss also said the city would be sending out biannual reports to show how the council has used the money raised by the tax increase.

Benito "Joe" Crescione, former mayor and two-time city councilman of Pismo Beach, said, "The problem is the things they said this

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Democrats

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Obama, a first-term senator who was virtually unknown on the national stage four years ago, defeated Clinton, the former first lady and one-time campaign front-runner, in a 17-month marathon for the Democratic nomination.

His victory had been widely assumed for weeks. But Clinton's declaration of interest in becoming his ticketmate was wholly unexpected.

She expressed it in a conference call with her state's congressional delegation after Rep. Nydia Velazquez, predicted Obama would have great difficulty winning the support of Hispanics and other voting blocs unless the former first lady was on the ticket.

"I am open to it" if it would help the party's prospects in November, Clinton replied, according to a participant who spoke on condition of anonymity because the call was private.

Clinton's comments raised anew the prospect of what many Democrats have called a "Dream Ticket" that would put a black man and a woman on the same ballot, but Obama's aides were noncommittal. "We're not in the presidential phase here. We're going to close out the nominating fight and then we'll consider that," David Axelrod, Obama's top strategist, told reporters aboard the candidate's plane en route to Minnesota.

McCain's criticism of Obama referred to a vote last year in which the Illinois senator came out against legislation paying for the Iraq war because it did not include a timetable for withdrawing troops. At the time, Obama said the funding would give President Bush "a blank check to continue down this same, disastrous path."

Obama previously had opposed a deadline for troop withdrawal, but shifted position under pressure from the Democratic Party's liberal wing as he maneuvered for support in advance of the primaries.

Bill Burton, a spokesman for Obama, responded tartly. "While John McCain has a record of occasional independence from his party in the past, last year he chose to embrace 95 percent of George Bush's agenda, including his failed economic policies and his failed policy in Iraq. No matter how hard he tries to spin it otherwise, that kind of record is simply not the change the

American people are looking for or deserve."

Tuesday's fast-paced developments unfolded as the long Democratic nominating struggle ended with primaries in Montana and South Dakota.

Only 31 delegates were at stake, the final few among the thousands that once drew Obama, Clinton and six other Democratic candidates into the campaign to replace Bush and become the nation's 44th president.

Clinton was in New York for an appearance before home-state supporters. Officials said she would concede Obama had the delegates to secure the Democratic nomination, effectively ending her bid to be the nation's first female president.

The young Illinois senator's success amounted to a victory of hope over experience, earned across an enervating 56 primaries and caucuses that tested the political skills and human endurance of all involved.

Obama stood for hope and change. Clinton was the candidate of experience, ready, she said, to serve in the Oval Office from Day One.

Together, they drew record turnouts in primary after primary — more than 34 million voters in all, independents and Republicans as well as Democrats.

Yet the race between a black man and a woman exposed deep racial and gender divisions within the party. Obama drew strength from blacks and from the younger, more liberal and wealthier voters in many states. Clinton was preferred by older, more downscale voters and women.

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money could be used for are items that are already necessary for the city." In an interview prior to the election, Crescione said the problem is with the word "could," because the money collected from the increased sales tax will go into the general fund, which means the

money is not designated for a specific purpose.

Crescione said supporters of the measure argue tourists will be paying the sales tax as well, but he disagrees with that point. Visitors to the city, he said, only have to experience that tax for a couple of days or a weekend.

"I live here all the time, which means I pay the tax all the time," he said. Crescione mentioned resi-

dents of the mobile home parks who operate on a fixed income, and said it is unfair to them to be burdened with an extra tax.

Crescione also said that Pismo Beach is the sixth wealthiest city per capita in the state of California, and that the reasons for asking for the increase in tax are unexplained and unjustified.

"They want more money — tell me what for," he said.

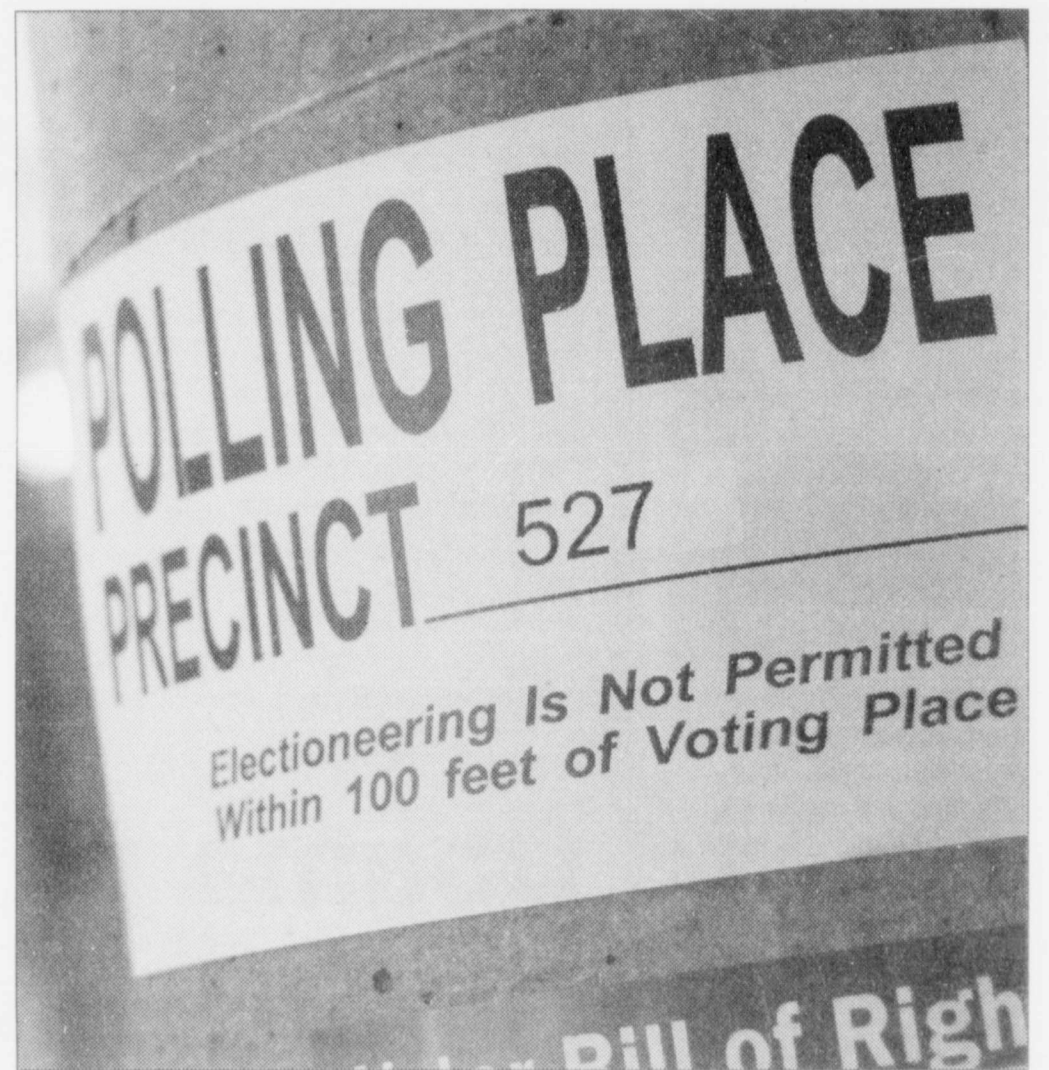
Results

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ed no on Proposition 98 and yes on Proposition 99, both dealing with eminent domain. As of press time, only half of California precincts had reported results, but Proposition 98 — aimed to phase out rent control — was not expected to pass. Proposition 99, which would prohibit the ability of the government to seize homes for development, was winning with more than 60 percent of the vote.

Overall, officials said it was a quiet election in San Luis Obispo County with a low voter turnout.

"A lot of the ballots had very few choices," county employee Lynn Johnson said might be a possible explanation for the low voter turnout. "Some elections only had one person running. But that doesn't mean this wasn't an important election."



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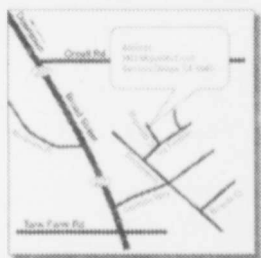
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Polygamous sect children reunited with happy parents

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Parents awaiting the release of children taken into state custody during a raid of a polygamist group's ranch may need to wait a few days because so many parents are showing up at foster homes simultaneously, a sect leader said Tuesday.

Parents took 229 of the roughly 430 children in foster care on Monday after a judge signed an order clearing the children to leave with their parents, bowing to a state Supreme Court ruling that the seizure was not justified.

"Everybody is trying really hard to be patient and considerate," Willie Jessop, an elder with the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. "We know more and more are leaving every hour."

Child welfare officials expected many of the remaining children to go home Tuesday as parents traveled across the sprawling state to foster facilities where the children were scattered.

Jennetta Jessop fought back tears when she was reunited with her 5-year-old son.

"I just love my children so much," said Jessop, who picked up her son Monday at a Fort Worth shelter and had four other children to collect. "This is the happiest day of my life."

Amid the parents' joy, a church elder announced what he called a clarification in sect policy aimed at keeping such a seizure from ever happening again: Future marriages will only involve sect members who are of legal age.

"The church will counsel families that they neither request nor consent to any underage marriages," Willie Jessop said late Monday, reading from a statement at the ranch in Eldorado. Many sect members have the same last name but may or may not be related.

Willie Jessop said the church has been widely misunderstood and insisted marriages within the church have always been consensual.

He would not say whether marriages of underage minors had taken place in the past but said the sect as a whole should not be punished for the misdeeds of a few.

Judge Barbara Walther's order requires the parents to stay in Texas, to attend parenting classes and to allow the



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A woman from the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints with her child.

children to be examined as part of any abuse investigation.

But it does not put restrictions on the children's fathers, require the parents to renounce polygamy or force them to leave the Yearning For Zion Ranch run by the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, a breakaway sect of the Mormon church.

Child Protective Services removed all the children from the ranch after an April 3 raid prompted by calls to a domestic abuse hot line that purportedly came from a 16-year-old mother who was being abused by her middle-age husband. The calls are now being investigated as a hoax, but authorities contended all the children were at risk because church teachings pushed underage girls into marriage and sex.

State Briefs

MODESTO (AP) — A wrongful death lawsuit against convicted killer Scott Peterson could go to trial starting next month.

The parents of Laci Peterson, whose husband was convicted of killing her and the fetus she was carrying, filed the civil suit against him in 2003.

The lawsuit is intended to keep him from profiting from the murders by selling his story.

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TWENTYNINE PALMS (AP) — Two men are in jail for allegedly vandalizing the Twentynine Palms Public Cemetery, where statues, crosses, altars and decorations were destroyed at some 75 graves.

San Bernardino County sheriff's spokeswoman Jodi Miller says 19-year-old William Joseph Bassine and 26-year-old John Michael Etrass were booked Monday for investigation of vandalism. Bail is set at \$25,000 each.

A motive hasn't been determined.

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May 31, 22:32 - One subject cited for possession of marijuana near the Crop Science Lemon Fields.

May 31, 00:47 - Officers assist San Luis Obispo Police Department to search for an armed subject near Stenner Glen.

May 30, 13:31 - Officers respond to a report of a narcotics violation in the residence halls, arresting one subject for the possession of unauthorized weapons.

May 29, 12:12 - Officers respond to a medical aid call where an individual was having a seizure.

May 28, 15:01 - UPD received a report of a student defrauding the state.

May 28, 14:19 - Officers respond to a medical aid call where a subject had burned his/her finger. The subject was not transferred to a medical facility.

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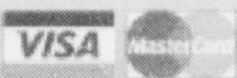
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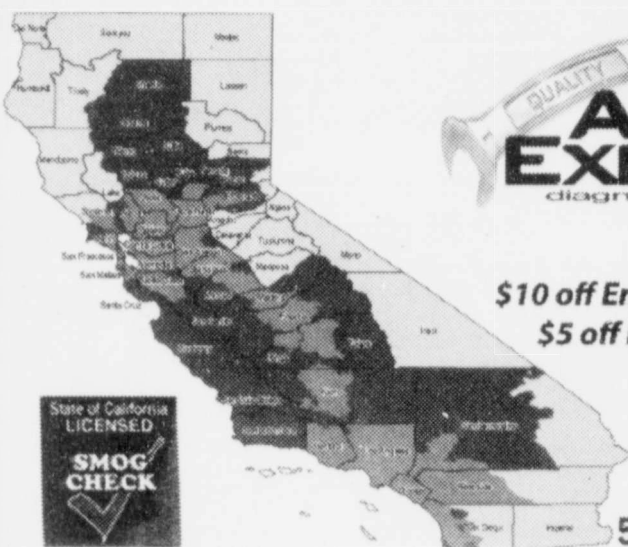
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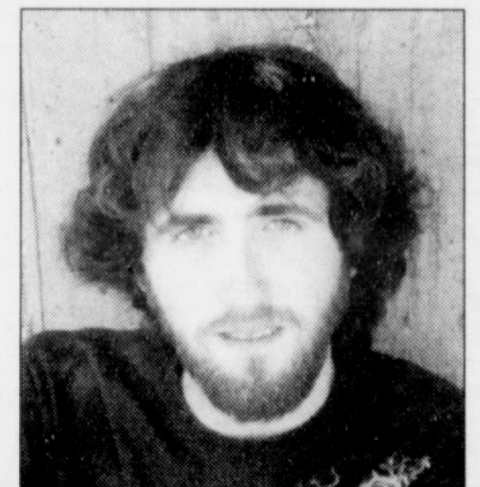


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Chinese police drag grieving parents from protest

Cara Anna
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Chinese police forcefully pulled away more than 100 parents protesting the deaths of their children in a poorly constructed school that collapsed in last month's earthquake.

Police grabbed the parents, many holding pictures of their children, by the arms and lifted resisters off the ground on Tuesday outside the courthouse in Dujiangyan, a resort town northwest of the Sichuan provincial capital of Chengdu.

"Why?" some parents yelled. "Tell us something," they said as black-suited police wearing riot helmets yanked at them, pulling them down the street to the side of the courthouse.

The action was authorities' harshest response yet to angry parents and represented a hardening of official attitudes toward protests that police have closely watched over the past two weeks without intervening.

The parents had been kneeling in front of the courthouse yelling, "We want to sue!" Their children attended a high school in Juyuan, near Dujiangyan, where 270 students died.

The Southern Metropolis News quoted a rescuer as saying that rubble from the school showed that no steel reinforcing bars had been used in construction, only iron wire.

The government says the May 12 earthquake destroyed 7,000 classrooms. Many parents have accused contractors of cutting corners when building the classrooms, resulting in schools that could not withstand the 7.9-magnitude quake. Pictures of collapsed schools surrounded by buildings still standing have fueled anger.

An Associated Press reporter and two photographers covering the protest were dragged by the arms up the steps into the courthouse by police trying to prevent them from seeing

the demonstration. They were held inside, along with two Japanese reporters, and questioned for a half-hour before being let go, after the protesters had been moved away.

Calls to local police were not answered Tuesday.

Asked why reporters were removed from the courthouse, an official from the foreign affairs office of the local government, Zao Ming, said "this is not a good place to do interviews. ... In a disaster like this, there will be a lot of opinions. The government will solve their problems."

There were several Japanese reporters at the courthouse. One witness said the police told the parents that "the Japanese are reporting bad things about you." The witness asked not to be identified for fear of reprisals by authorities.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang said Tuesday that the government had been unusually open about allowing journalists to report on the earthquake and its aftermath. He told a news conference in Beijing that the "principle of transparency and openness remains unchanged."

He said local authorities were making decisions based on the conditions in the disaster zone, though "they are not trying to block any news or to make difficulties for the reporters."

The protest happened while Chinese leader Li Changchun, the country's fifth-ranked ruler, was touring other parts of the city. The official Xinhua News Agency said Li was checking heritage sites damaged in the earthquake.

The confirmed death toll for China's worst disaster in three decades was raised Tuesday to 69,107, an increase of about 90 people from a day earlier, and 18,230 people are still missing, the State Council said. The quake also left 5 million people homeless.

Meanwhile, the official Xinhua News Agency said that authorities have delayed for two



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(Above) Chinese police officers take away parents who lost children in the quake. (Right) Zhao Deqin, mother of twin girls killed after a school collapse during the quake, weeps.



days an attempt to divert water from a huge lake formed when the quake sent landslides tumbling into a river in Beichuan in northern Sichuan.

Water levels in the lake had been rising steadily and threatened to flood surrounding areas, prompting authorities to evacuate nearly 200,000 people already uprooted by the quake.

But Xinhua said with little rain forecast for the next several days, rescue workers were not likely to start draining off the water until Thursday. The work had been expected to begin Tuesday.

Workers have already used heavy equipment to dig a runoff channel to remove the water. The government is worried the newly formed lake could burst, sending a wall of water through a valley.

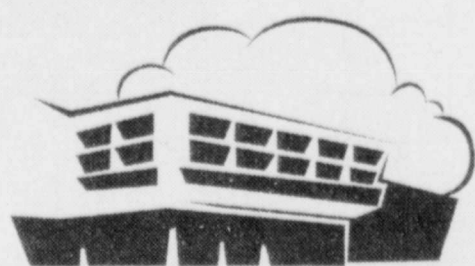
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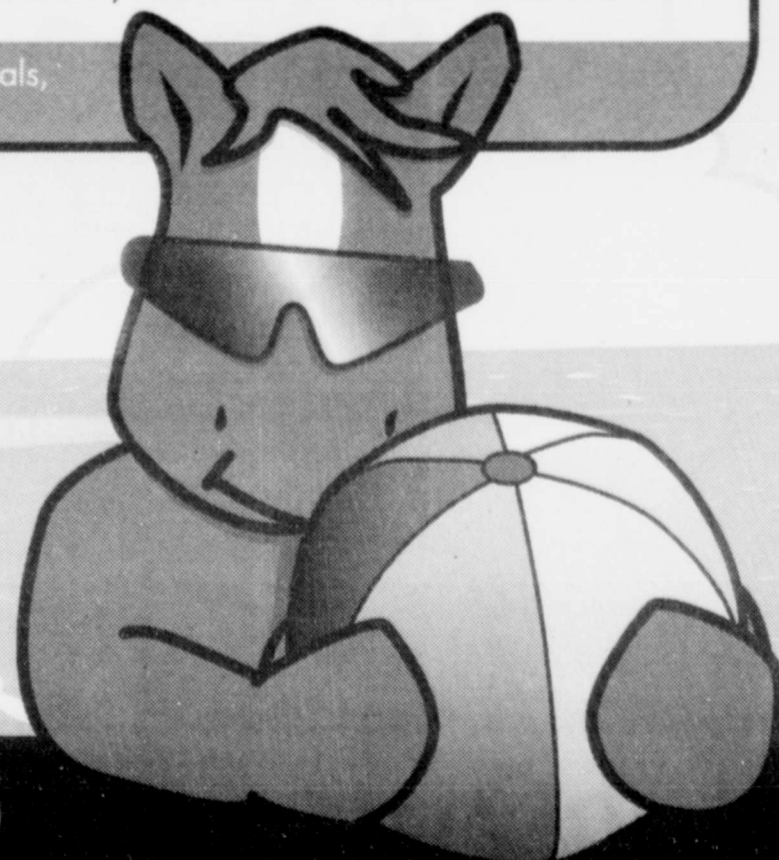
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National Briefs

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— General Motors is closing four truck and SUV plants in the U.S., Canada and Mexico, affecting 10,000 workers, as surging fuel prices hasten a dramatic shift to smaller vehicles.

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TEXARKANA, Ark. (AP)

— A corrections officer who had been making frequent take-out food deliveries to the county jail was caught sneaking syringes inside tacos and marijuana under chili, authorities said.

Jordan Michael Waller, 25, tried to enter the Miller County jail with three pizzas at 3 a.m. Saturday, said county investigator Mike Liles. Twenty minutes later, Waller brought in what appeared to be a large bag containing chili and tacos, Liles said.

A jail sergeant became suspicious, searched the food and found marijuana that had been formed into three round patties under some chili and a couple of syringes inside tacos.

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KINGSTON, Pa. (AP)

— The young woman probably thought the 71-year-old Korean War veteran, whose friend was in a wheelchair, would make an easy target. She was wrong.

Harry Kopenis chased and tackled the 22-year-old woman he says robbed him at an ATM in northeastern Pennsylvania. Then, with help from his wheelchair-bound friend, he held her until

police arrived.

"Maybe she thought I was easy prey. She didn't think I was going to get her. Well, senior citizens aren't easy prey," Kopenis said.

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FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP)

— A bank robber got as far as a nearby pawn shop before a dye pack, inserted in his wad of stolen cash, exploded in his pants, authorities said.

The man then fled the store, leaving behind the money that contained the theft-detection device.

Fort Lauderdale Police Department spokeswoman Kathy Collins says the man matched descriptions of a robber who pilfered a bag of money Monday from a Pompano Beach bank about an hour earlier.

Authorities are still looking for him.

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CANTON, Ohio (AP)

— Homeowners who don't mow their grass in this northeast Ohio city now face stiffer penalties — including possible jail time.

The city council unanimously passed a law Monday that makes a second high-grass violation a fourth-degree misdemeanor carrying a fine of up to \$250 and as many as 30 days in jail.

The previous law only made the first violation a minor misdemeanor, with a fine of up to \$150 but no jail time. The new law will take effect in 30 days.

Discovery astronauts begin first spacewalk

Juan A. Lozano

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Spacewalking astronauts floated outside the international space station Tuesday to help install the orbiting outpost's newest room, a bus-sized Japanese laboratory.

During a scheduled 6 1/2-hour spacewalk, astronauts Michael Fossum and Ronald Garan Jr. prepped the \$1 billion lab, named Kibo — Japanese for "hope" — for installation by removing power and heating cables and various restraints connecting it to the shuttle.

Later in the day, astronauts working from inside used the space station's robot arm to lift the lab from the shuttle and anchor it to the station.

The start of the spacewalk was delayed nearly an hour as a faulty communications cap — which allows spacewalkers to talk with other crew members and controllers on the ground — was replaced in Fossum's spacesuit.

"We're looking forward to a great day, an exciting day to install the Japanese Kibo module," said Japanese astronaut Akihiko Hoshide, who helped move the lab with the station's robotic arm.

Kibo, at 37 feet long, is bigger than the U.S. and European labs already attached to the space station. The Japanese lab also has a pair of robot arms, the larger of which flew up on this shuttle mission.

A separate storage room loaded with Kibo equipment went up in March. A porch for outdoor science experiments and the smaller robot arm will fly next year.

The spacewalkers also planned to remove a 50-foot inspection boom from the orbiting complex and try out some cleaning methods on a jammed solar rotating joint that has hampered energy production at the space station since last fall. The joint enables the space station's

solar arrays, which provide electrical power, to rotate and track the sun.

"It's going to lead to a really busy day for all of those guys," said Emily Nelson, a space station flight director.

The first job for the spacewalk was transferring the boom from the space station to the shuttle.

The laser-equipped boom is usually attached to the shuttle's robotic arm and used to conduct a detailed inspection of the spacecraft's wings and nose. The inspection is one of the safety measures put in place by NASA after the 2003 Columbia accident to check for launch damage.

Discovery didn't have enough room for the inspection boom; Kibo filled the entire payload bay, so the last shuttle crew left one behind at the space station in March.

The shuttle astronauts, who arrived at the space station on Monday, will use the boom next week to check Discovery for any damage that could endanger them during re-entry.

Imagery experts, in the meantime, are poring over the 302 digital pictures that the space station crew took of Discovery's belly right before the docking.

About five pieces of foam insulation broke off Discovery's external fuel tank during liftoff but are not believed to have caused any damage.

NASA, meanwhile, is investigating the worst launch pad damage in 27 years of space shuttle flight.

A large section of the flame trench — 20 feet by 75 feet — broke apart, and chunks of the large heat-resistant fire bricks and concrete mortar were scattered all the way past the chain-link fence 1,800 feet away. The fence was damaged in places.

None of the debris appeared to hit Discovery, said LeRoy Cain, chairman of the mission management team.

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Mugabe blames West for Zimbabwe's economic problems

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Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe defended land policies blamed for devastating his country's agricultural sector, asserting at a U.N. food summit Tuesday that the West was trying to cripple the nation's economy.

Mugabe's presence at a summit addressing high global food prices sparked protests from some world leaders. He is blamed for the economic collapse of a country once considered a regional breadbasket and Zimbabweans increasingly are unable to afford food and other essentials.

Zimbabwe is not subject to broad sanctions affecting ordinary citizens. Western sanctions are targeted instead at the president and several dozen close associates.

Mugabe nonetheless contended that his policies of redistributing land taken from large farmholders were "warmly welcomed by the vast majority of our people" and the sanctions aim to "cripple Zimbabwe's economy and thereby effect illegal regime change in our country."

"The United Kingdom has mobilized her friends and allies in Europe, North America, Australia and New Zealand to impose illegal economic sanctions against Zimbabwe," he said.

U.S. State Department spokesman Tom Casey criticized Mugabe's attendance at the summit, saying his "misrule" serves as "an example of what not to do in terms of managing agricultural and food policy."

Australia's foreign minister decried Mugabe's participation as "obscene." The Dutch ministry for overseas development pledged to ignore the ruler.

The Rome-based U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization is hosting the three-day summit to try to solve the short-term emergency of hunger caused by soaring prices, and to help poor countries grow enough food to feed their own.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon told world leaders that global food production must rise by 50 percent by 2030 to meet increasing demand.

Ban said that nations must minimize export restrictions and import tariffs during the food price crisis and quickly resolve world trade talks.

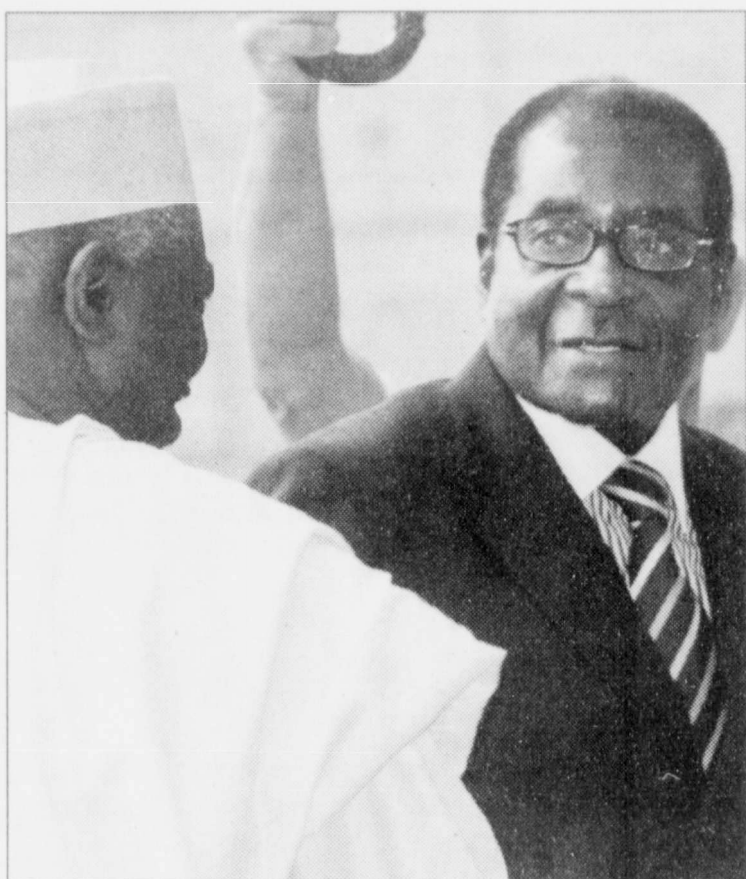
"The world needs to produce more food," Ban said.

In a message read to the delegates, Pope Benedict XVI said "hunger and malnutrition are unacceptable in a world which, in reality, has sufficient production levels, the resources, and the know-how to put an end to these tragedies and their consequences."

The United Nations is encouraging summit participants to start undoing a decades-long legacy of agricultural and trade policies that many blame for the failure of small farmers in poor countries to feed their own people.

Wealthy nations' subsidizing their own farmers makes it harder for small farmers in poor countries to compete in global markets, critics of such subsidies say. Jim Butler, the FAO's deputy director-general, said in an interview ahead of the gathering that a draft document that could be the basis for a final summit declaration doesn't promise to overhaul subsidy policy.

"Some countries have taken action by limiting ex-



(Top) Robert Mugabe greeted by Jacques Diouf, director general of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization. (Above) Women in black hold leaflets reading "We don't want you" on the Spanish steps.

ports or by imposing price controls," Ban said. "They only distort markets and force prices even higher."

The increasing diversion of food and animal feed to produce biofuel, and sharply higher fuel costs have also helped to shoot prices upward, experts say.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, whose presence at the summit also came under protest, denounced wealthy Western nations for subsidizing their own farmers. He asked: "Why do some powers turn the food of the people into an object for profiteering?"

Some protesters climbed up the lower tier of the Colosseum and sent down leaflets criticizing the Iranian leader, who repeated calls for the disappearance of Israel.

Congress last month passed a five-year farm bill heavy on subsidies, bucking White House objections that such aid in the middle of a global food crisis wasn't warranted.

International Briefs

BAGHDAD (AP) — Lawmakers allied with Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki said Tuesday that negotiations over a U.S.-Iraqi security pact and the future status of American troops in Iraq were stumbling, with "almost all points under dispute."

Dawa party lawmaker Haidar al-Abadi told reporters in Baghdad's U.S.-guarded Green Zone that "almost all American suggestions were countered by different Iraqi ones."

"The negotiations are at a standstill, and the Iraqi side is studying its options," al-Abadi said, reading a statement from his party.

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Beijing's airport is declaring war on Denmark's intelligence service and cast blame on al-Qaida for an attack near its embassy in Pakistan that investigators said Tuesday was carried out by a suicide bomber.

No one has claimed responsibility for the car bomb, which killed six people. But Danish authorities said the terror network or one of its affiliates was likely behind the explosion, which came just weeks after the terrorist group threatened Denmark over caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad reprinted earlier this year in newspapers in that country.

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport has closed one of its five runways after a World War II bomb was unearthed during excavations nearby.

Army explosives experts say the 500-pound British bomb must remain still for 54 hours because it was moved during its discovery by workers building a road.

Bert van Denham from the local municipality says the bomb is expected to be removed on Thursday.

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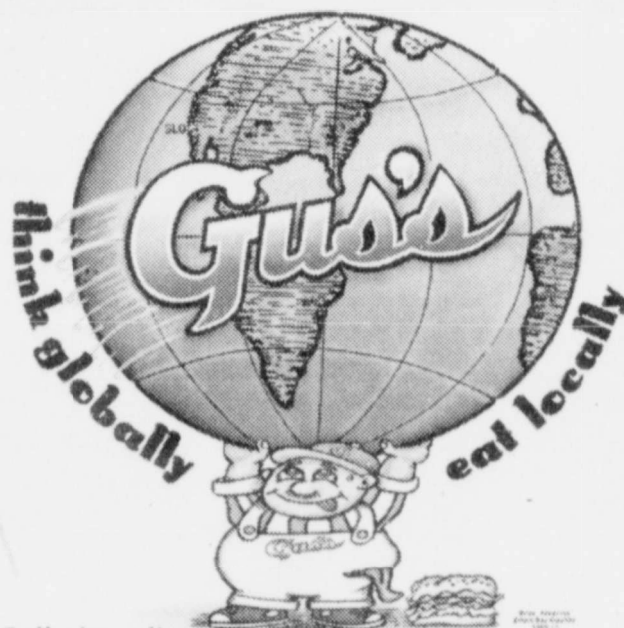
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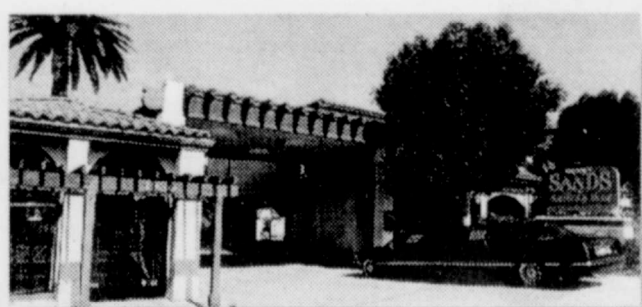
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Scarlett: You, my dear, are no singer

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Tom Waits' music has never really been about the brighter side of this life. He champions the sort of people who (to paraphrase onetime New York Gov. Mario Cuomo) live in the gutter where the glitter don't shine. They are beaten, wrecked and miserable. But most importantly, the characters are alive. In braving the dreaded crossover, Scarlett Johansson has dulled Waits' vivid portraits to death on "Anywhere I Lay My Head." Her debut album features 10 Waits compositions and one original, all delivered in the same hazy sleepwalk tone. Beyond the single songwriting credit and vocals, Johansson's participation in the project appears to have been pretty minimal. The weight of the album falls squarely on the shoulders of producer and arranger David Sitek (TV on the Radio). Although Sitek's work on "Anywhere" varies greatly in imagination and success, it is conceivable he could have pulled it all off with the



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right voice. The entire packaging of the album raises the question: Where was Scarlett laying her head while Sitek cooked up the entire album? Johansson's half-dead, brooding monotone loses out every time to Waits' monster-in-the-closet whistkey growl. She never owns a second of a single track, faintly singing along to Sitek's haunted, '80s-noir bed-time stories rather than delving into the material. And Sitek, whether knowingly or not, returns the favor by completely burying Johansson's lead vocals in the depths of his heavily-layered tracks. Her performances — think Sinéad O'Connor on sleeping

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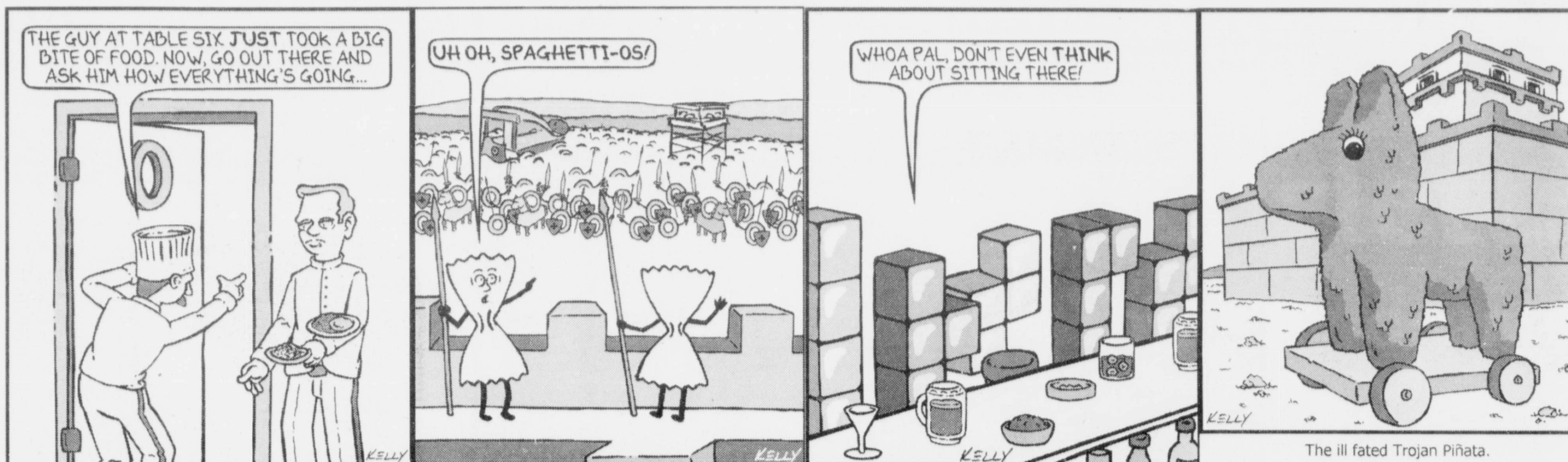
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Cal Poly grad and new Daily cartoonist Kelly Ferguson is following his passion: comics

Raiza Canelon
MUSTANG DAILY

Being an artist runs in Kelly Ferguson's family. His grandfather and great-grandfather were painters, and Ferguson, 32, also paints, but what really makes his face light up is cartoons.

"Growing up, I loved going straight to the comic section in the newspaper, and my dad used to cut out cartoons and put them on the fridge, which I really loved," Ferguson said.

Even a permanent disability and limited dexterity won't stop Ferguson from providing comics to the world. At the age of 19, a work accident left Ferguson in a wheelchair with limited motor skills.

"I used to work construction to help pay for tuition and books, and during the summer in between freshman and sophomore year while on the job, a board was wind-blown and struck me in the C5 vertebrae and here I am. I had to relearn everything from eating to drawing," Ferguson said.

The accident left him with limited use of his arms. Ferguson can control his wrist for the most part, and uses his shoulder muscles to move his arm and hand.

"It's like using a Ouija board to draw with," Ferguson laughs.

Ferguson grew up in Bakersfield, attending high school and taking art classes through the local community college. What really propelled his desire to draw was taking an English class in high school where the students had to sketch out a cartoon of Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar."

"Funny ideas just pop into my head, and I

sketch as much as I can right away because I know I will kick myself if I forget it," Ferguson said.

After his accident, Ferguson started sophomore year late, but he was determined to get back to school.

"My biggest motivation was I didn't want to get left behind," Ferguson said. "I was in rehab for five months, and it still takes me awhile to do what I want, but I just keep going."

He graduated in 2000 with a degree in mechanical engineering.

After moving to the San Diego area to be a consultant, Ferguson ultimately decided that being an artist is what he was supposed to do. He draws from home in his office by first drawing on 8.5 by 11 inch paper in pencil, then going over the work with a permanent marker. He then scans the comic into his computer before shrinking it down.

"I am completely devoted to becoming syndicated. So far I only have my work in the Mustang Daily, but I hope to be in a national newspaper one day," Ferguson said.

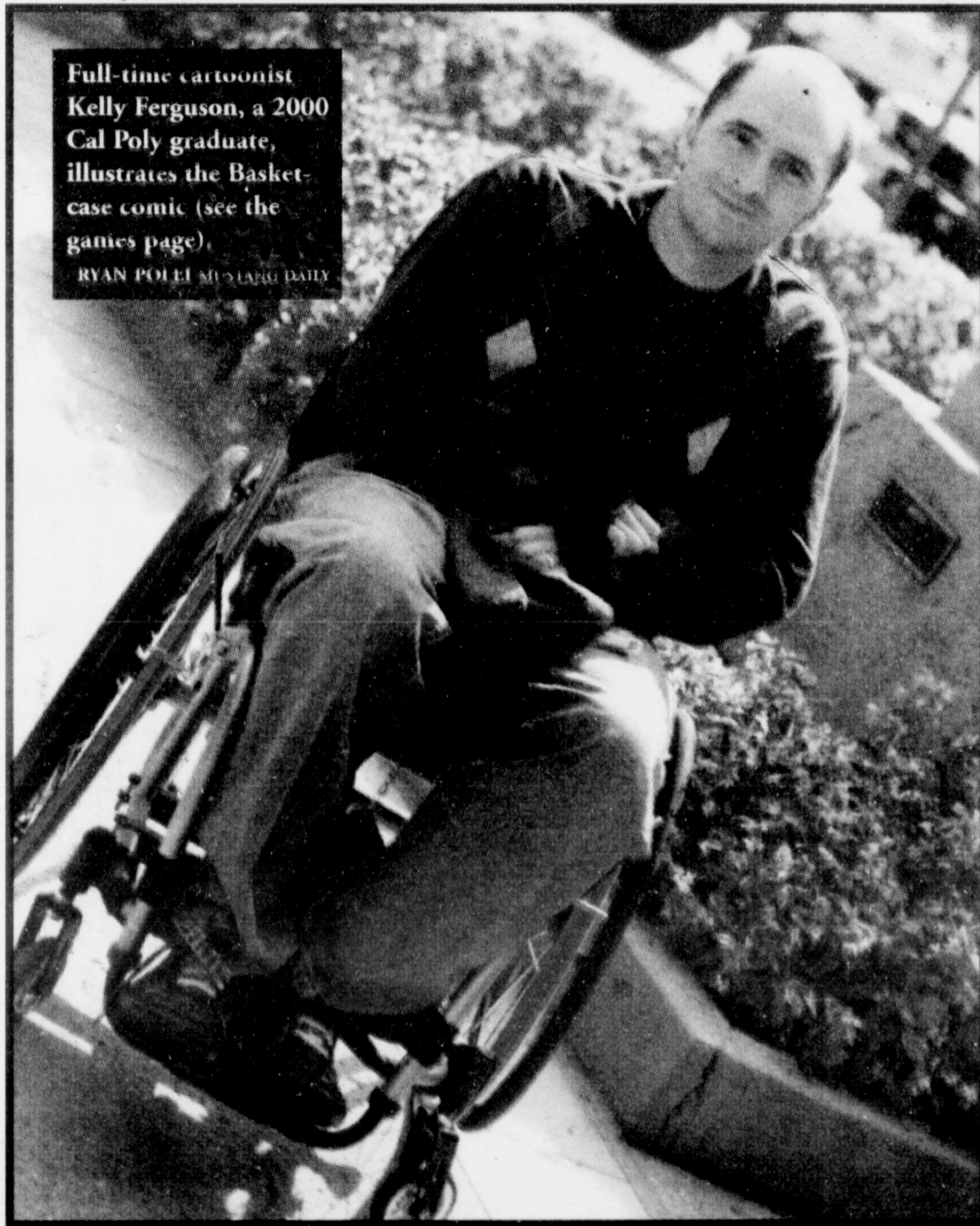
On top of having a humor column, Ferguson also has a political side and posts political cartoons on his Web site www.liberalangst.com.

"I separated my two columns about a year ago because I didn't want to alienate anyone who looked at either of my strips," Ferguson said.

Ferguson lives in Los Osos with his wife Karen, who is an interior designer. You can see his comic every day in the Mustang Daily or just visit his Web site, www.basketcasecomic.com, to see more of his work.

Full-time cartoonist
Kelly Ferguson, a 2000
Cal Poly graduate,
illustrates the Basket-
case comic (see the
games page).

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Scarlett

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pills with a narrowed vocal range — are sadly reminiscent of her karaoke contributions in "Lost in Translation," minus the fun (and the Bill Murray).

Waits is one of America's greatest living storytellers, but with a distanced, indifferent narrator at the helm, even the best stories disintegrate.

A few attempts on "Anywhere" come across admirably. The title track takes the brassy original and sends it through a digital-age filter of synthesizers and drum loops, with a lovely echoing guitar part (courtesy of Nick Zinner of the Yeah Yeah Yeahs) to cap it all off.

Johansson sounds damn near convincing with the opening lines, "My head is spinning 'round/My heart is in my shoes," but considerably less so with, "I don't need anybody/Because I love to be alone."

She hits her most sincere notes on the album's lone original tune, "Song for Jo" breaks up the album's repetitive instrumentation nicely with a low acoustic hum to accompany Johansson's droning mumble, which, at least in this case, feels appropriate. But even when Sitek pits his singer against some of his more intriguing backdrops, the renditions are frigid; there is no wrenching pathos in the execution.

Although Johansson's passion for Waits' music is less than evident

on the record, Sitek fleshes out a few interesting, though mostly atmospheric, extrapolations on the artist's work. The slipstream child's music box on "I Wish I Was in New Orleans" gives a slight nod to the Tin Pan Alley Waits, though with a bit too much kitsch involved.

But elsewhere, singer and arranger completely drop the ball. Even David Bowie's presence and backing vocals cannot save the painfully slow covers of "Falling Down" and "Fannin Street."

It happens only once, but on "Green Grass," Sitek lapses into a far-too-obvious approximation of post-Swordfishtrombones Waits. The direct correlation to Waits' distinct, industrial carnival sound puts the Johansson/Sitek version in a losing competition.

Aside from the wholly forgettable nature of the album, "Anywhere" could have been far worse. Sitek remodels "I Don't Wanna Grow Up" as a poorly conceived semi-techno farce. The song is tasteless where so many of the other tracks are simply bland or overblown.

As the album opener, "Fawn" (from the fantastic Alice) loses all the quiet mourning contained in the original, expressed by the scant, pained notes barely escaping from an injured violin. There is more sadness and longing in that 1-minute, 44-second track than anything presented on Johansson and Sitek's lifeless homage.

In Sitek's hands, "Fawn" has been multiplied by 1,000 as an army of horns storms in over the

solemn organ, stamping out any opportunity for the listener to connect to any real emotion. It is an impressive arrangement, but especially when viewed in the context of the entire album, the epic treatment is at once empty and unwarranted.

Johansson's absence from the track is not entirely noticeable, either. In terms of impact, she is absent from the rest of her debut as well.

When viewed as a Sitek album, "Anywhere" is troubled, with a few brighter moments. As a tribute to the work of one of America's greatest writers, it does no justice. And as for Johansson — let us think fondly back to the peak of her singing career, in a Tokyo karaoke bar.

How some prowling cougars seduced a self-professed Ladytron fanboy



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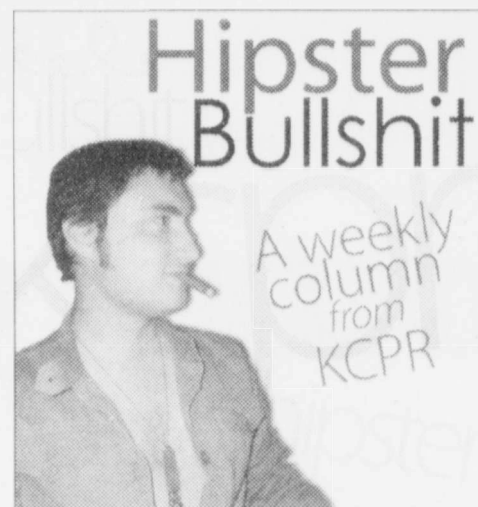
Ladytron's newest album, "Velocifero," should be listened to at high volumes to fully enjoy the band's musical prowess.

Stop what you're doing — Ladytron has a new record out. It's called "Velocifero" and honestly, you should probably just skip the rest of this and go buy it right now. It'll save you time in the long run.

Of course, you might want to take everything in this article with a shaker of salt, considering its presentation is composed by an unrepentant Ladytron fanboy who followed them down the coast on the "Witching Hour" tour two years ago, seeing them twice in as many days. (There's a fine line between shame and pride.)

This record is the logical extension of "Witching Hour" in that it moves even further away from the limits of the pristine electro-pop template that once made up the confines of the band's musical rut. Whereas early 2000's Ladytron was sparse, antiseptic and circular, the tracks of "Velocifero" are dense with instrumentation that might shock you. Besides the "flavor of the day" arrangements (buzzy, abrasive electronics), be on the lookout for acoustic guitar, brass horns and male vocals (obviously these things are only shocking in the context of Ladytron). To get the full experience and pick everything out, you'll

need to listen at volume levels that are somewhat likely to damage your hearing on speakers that are at least reasonably non-crappy (diligent "hipster bullshit" readers should know this by now).



The ambassador of the album (the first single and by far the poppiest song) is "Ghosts," which is hooky as all hell and features a chorus reminiscent of the before and after puzzles in "Wheel of Fortune": "There's a ghost inside me / who wants to say I'm sorry / doesn't mean I'm sorry." Helen Marnie's vocals are prominent and easily discernable on the mix, which is the exception to the rule on "Velocifero."

Whereas vocals on the single

sit firmly on top of the mix (like a Pine-Sol-scented church bench), most of the album allows the vox to sink in and meld with the dingy chaos below it (like that filthy bean bag chair on your patio). Listen to "Kletva" to see how great this can sound; Mira Aroyo's voice is incredible even though I understand not a single word over the panoramic noise (the fact that she sings in Bulgarian might have something to do with this as well). Lead track "Black Cat" is also in Aroyo's native tongue and also a standout.

Really, most of the songs on "Velocifero" deserve to be talked about in depth, but I'll sum this up by saying that a solid record like this should be no surprise at this point. Ladytron is a band we can safely classify as established and mature. Perhaps it bears mentioning that, as of this year, female vocalists Marnie and Aroyo find themselves in their thirties (and thus their sexual prime). It should then only be expected that the band can seduce us with the confidence and accuracy of a prowling cougar.

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'Strangers' one shark of a movie



"The Strangers," a new "realistic" scary movie, isn't necessarily a bad movie, but then again, it isn't exactly a good one either.

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Considering the amount of scary movies we are forced to sit through in an average year, it's amazing to think that more don't try to use realistic situations. We've all seen supernatural thrillers that have spooked us, or religiously themed fright fests that only those who adhere to the faith can call realistic. What seems to be used an utter minimum of times are horrors that could take place in your own backyard, ones that manage to provoke terror in concept alone. Seeking to monopolize an underexplored sub-genre, "The Strangers" stabbed its way into theaters last Friday.

The film opens with James (Scott Speedman) and Kristen (Liv Tyler) returning home from a friend's wedding, all sullen and teary-eyed. James has just proposed to Kristen with an unexpected result, and the two shift awkwardly around the house, trying to pick up the pieces. All of a sudden, there's a

knock at the door, and the two open it to reveal a mysterious-looking girl who asks if someone whom they've never met is home. Believing that to be that, they shut the door and go on with their night; eventually she comes back, things around the house start to go haywire, and before they know it, it's a full-on attack headed by the girl, now donning a baby-doll mask, and her two disguised friends.

First-time director Bryan Bertino shows a remarkable understanding of the horror film aesthetic, letting the anticipation build with 20-plus minutes of backstory in front of the scares, and utilizing an occasional loud noise to perfection, keeping us on our toes. The film also does a good job of showing the beautiful aspects of nighttime just as often as the scary ones, resulting in an association that makes the film horrifyingly personal. Bertino pulls out all his tricks in the opening, and by the time the film's namesakes show up, you're ready to dissolve into a mess of fear.

And a mess is exactly what the viewer becomes, with the music spiking, and things popping out almost exactly where you expect them to, yet still provoking a gasp almost every time. Tyler has a shriek for the ages; it sends chills down your spine every time you hear it (and you hear it a lot), setting the tone for the movie's paranoid feel. For the first bit of the strangers' attack, it's all cat-and-mouse; no action ever really happens, just one scare per three minutes or so. It's enough to make you a wreck with anxious anticipation.

The problem, however, is that just after the movie has started out so well, playing its cards the right way each and every time, it starts to get content with its methods and ceases to unveil any new terror. The slow, methodic haunting of the start never goes away, and no matter how scared you want to be, it's hard to get fooled by the same trick twice (or six or seven times). The disturbing quiet of watching the hunters stand or walk rather than run, so unsettling at first, quickly

becomes commonplace and almost relaxing by the time the flick is only halfway over. From there, it's a slow and steady descent into boredom, and even the eventual climax earns only a ho-hum reaction.

"The Strangers" isn't a completely bad movie, but it's certainly more bad than it is good. After a promising start, the movie slowly declines into complete worthlessness, the maddening horror-movie logic of its protagonists proving almost unbearable at points. The fact that the film may as well take place at your own home means that it has some real staying power afterward, something that could cause the easily frightened a few sleepless nights. But such terror is a product of the film's premise, and what it ends up doing with that premise is thoroughly unimpressive.

"The Strangers" is the ultimate shark of a movie; once it stops moving, which it does well within the first hour, there's no debating that the movie you're watching just died.

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Although I am against the current war in Iraq, I have the highest level of respect and admiration for our men and women in uniform. Hearing their stories of commitment, courage and sacrifice for this country is always a humbling experience, and it makes our debt to them real and unwavering. Unfortunately, our nation's debt to our brave soldiers is long overdue, and I fear that under this pathetic excuse for a president, the debt will continue to go unpaid.

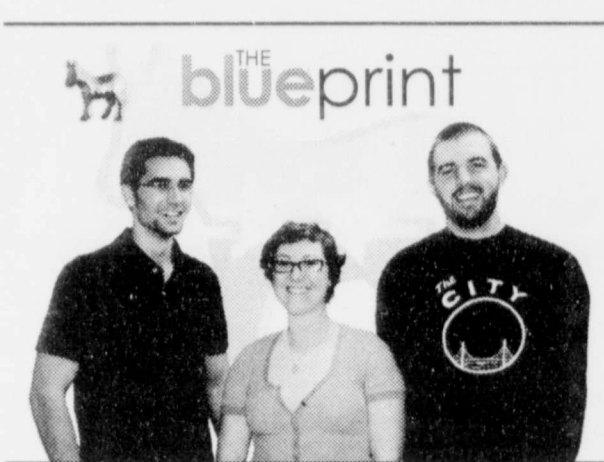
Just last week during his weekly radio address to the nation, President Bush threatened to veto the tremendously popular and bipartisan GI bill circulating through Congress. This bill, sponsored by Sens. Jim Webb (Democrat) and Chuck Hagel (Republican) — both Vietnam veterans — would guarantee soldiers who serve at least three years in the Army four years of tuition to the best public university their state has to offer. The bill would also provide soldiers with a monthly stipend for housing and food costs. The old GI bill, enacted after World War II to aid soldiers returning from combat, had not been properly updated to account for the rising costs of tuition and housing.

Thankfully, it appears there is enough bipartisan support in Congress to override any presidential veto (hence Bush will likely acquiesce and begrudgingly sign it). Nevertheless, this president's stinginess toward funding our soldiers' education is just another example of his administration's longtime disregard for the well-being of our troops.

I am sure we all remember when Bush's former defense secretary Donald Rumsfeld was asked by a concerned soldier in 2004, "Why do we soldiers have to dig through local landfills for pieces of scrap metal and compromised ballistic glass to armor our vehicles?" Shamefully, Mr. Rumsfeld replied, "As you know, you have to go to war with the Army you have, not the Army you want." Translation: You soldiers want armored humvees for protection ... too bad.

This same callous disregard for our soldiers' safety also occurred with inadequate body armor provisions. According to an internal Pentagon study conducted from 2003 to 2006, nearly 80 percent of Marines killed in Iraq from upper body wounds could have survived if they had been given proper body armor. Such armor had been available since 2003, but the Pentagon and the Bush administration basically declined to supply it to troops until after the study was released.

Sadly, unarmored vehicles and inadequate body armor reveal only half of this administration's failings; we must also look at the inexcusable aftercare our troops re-



ceive when they return home from combat. Last week, the Pentagon announced the number of troops with new cases of post-traumatic stress disorder jumped by roughly 50 percent in 2007. The increase now brings the total number of U.S. troops diagnosed with PTSD to more than 40,000 since 2003; shockingly, the current average wait time for veterans to be seen for mental health problems is more than 100 days, according to the Department of Veteran Affairs.

Most mental health experts agree that the frightening rise in mental trauma is largely the result of our soldiers being sent on their third, fourth and even fifth tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. Also, because of the surge in 2007, the White House extended tour lengths from 12 months to 15 months and increased "stop loss" orders (involuntary extensions of duty for soldiers) by a startling 43 percent. Clearly, these White House orders that recycle our overburdened troops are the direct result of never having enough troops in Iraq in the first place, but this fact obviously doesn't bother the administration.

Of course, we cannot forgive or forget the atrocious physical conditions our soldiers have had to endure during their rehabilitation here at home. The revelations over the deplorable conditions at Walter Reed Medical Center and numerous other substandard military hospitals around the country indicate an

administration utterly asleep at the wheel when it comes to our troops. In the case of Walter Reed, this administration was directly responsible. CNN claims the Pentagon gave \$120 million of privatization contracts to run Walter Reed to a company named IAP in 2006. For those unaware, IAP is the same company that couldn't even get ice down to New Orleans to aid Hurricane Katrina victims.

Clearly, our soldiers deserve better. The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are more than five years old, yet we still continue to hear stories of troops being let down by their commander in chief and his cronies. Our brave troops have served this country well, showing us the true meaning of the military motto "Semper Paratus" (Always Faithful). I continue to pray this administration will adopt the same motto and meet all of our troops' needs, but given their track record so far, I am not optimistic.

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Why environmentalists hurt the environment

As I drove to my parents' house in the Bay Area last weekend, I couldn't help but notice huge amounts of smoke billowing in the sky near the coast. The entire sky was hazy and the air smelled of smoke for the entire weekend. The Santa Cruz Mountains were engulfed in flames.

By now, the fire has been completely contained (though there is still no estimate as to when it will be extinguished) after being out of control for almost a week. It's still burning, and a "let it burn" policy has been adopted until the fire puts itself out. The blaze consumed about 4,200 acres and burned down more than 30 homes and 63 other buildings. Also, don't forget about the animals now threatened because their habitats were destroyed. Animal shelters in the Bay Area are currently overrun with animals saved from the fires.

As horrible as this is, it's all relatively small compared to the massive fires that scorched more than 246,000 acres in Southern California last year. Something must be done to stop these fires from causing so much damage.

If you ask any typical environmentalist about these wildfires, they'll regurgitate what they've been hearing from the liberal media. "Oh look," they'll say, "another example of global warming!" The logic of these environmentalists is that the higher temperatures make drier forests, which are more susceptible to fire. They're so busy blaming global warming (and its average annual global temperature increase of 1°F) that they don't realize their lobbying against logging and forest-thinning is much more to blame for this devastation.

In order to protect our forests from these fires, a few actions must take place. First, the forest overstory (the uppermost part) must be thinned. Next, the underbrush must be cleared out to decrease surface fuels. Both of these actions dramatically reduce the forest fuels that



"The Right Way"



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trophes. Officials for the Forest Service say they spend half their time dealing with these appeals and \$250 million a year fighting the litigation launched by delusional environmentalists.

Just to tie all of this into global warming, a fire the size of those in Southern California emits more than 38 million tons of greenhouse gases. To put that in perspective, that's the amount 7 million cars emit over the course of a year. Oops. Perhaps the environmentalists should decide which they really care about more: our forests or their own selfish special interests.

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can lead to an out-of-control fire. What also helps is a little bit of logging since forests are actually showing an increase in trees per square mile. This increase in density makes forest thinning more and more necessary.

These fire prevention tactics were credited in saving the town of Lake Arrowhead from destruction last October as wildfires destroyed the neighboring towns. The U.S. Forest Service had been at work in the area to decrease forest fuels and create fuel breaks. The only damage to Lake Arrowhead was to private properties not covered by the Forest Service. The hardest hit towns by that fire didn't have fuel breaks, and hundreds of homes burned to the ground.

Every year, the Forest Service submits hundreds of proposals for forest thinning and fuel breaks to the General Accounting Office for review. About half of these are subject to appeal, and of those, 59 percent are appealed by special interest groups like the Sierra Club and the Alliance for Wild Rockies. These appeals succeed in delaying the thinning of 900,000 acres of forests, all of which are then at risk of becoming more Santa Cruz or Southern California catas-



Hello! I really enjoyed this article. As a former Mustang cheerleader who just happens to be the "unbiased" wife of Danny, thank you for recognizing the accomplishments of a man who gets so few moments in the spotlight. I know Danny better than most and even most will tell you how wonderful a man he is. He is a loving husband, father and friend. I have never heard a negative thing said about him. Of course, who would tell me? Thanks again for your hard work and showcasing this outstanding alumnus!

— **Tori Loney**

Response to "Loney living the life of a lineman"

Give me a break. McCain going through the streets of Iraq with a bunch of U.S. troops guarding him doesn't mean he is getting a true sense of what's on the ground. Another thing people like you fail to mention that has helped reduce U.S. troop casualty levels and that of the Iraqi civilians is the ceasefire agreement of Iraq government and Shiite cleric Moqtada Sadr. Not to take anything from the great service of U.S. troops, the ceasefire should be credited too. McCain doesn't even know the number of troops in Iraq and he gets the basic facts about Shi'a and Sunni wrong. Moreover, experience doesn't equal good judgment. The war was a wrong war and American troops need to come back home honorably ASAP.

— **Henry Ureh**

Response to "Obama not the answer to America's problems, McCain is"

I oppose this degree program. Although I can sympathize with students who are not doing well in the College of Engineering, LAES seems to be more of a wash-out than a real program. It is neither a real Engineering or a real Liberal Arts degree; rather, it seems to be more of an administrative concoction to keep students at the university. Surely there must be something better than selling oneself short in the LAES program.

— **Stephen**

Response to "LAES department goes international"

Good job on this one. I shared it with my girlfriend and we both agree that it was a funny take on the struggles that a relationship deals with today.

— **Joe Rocha**

Response to "The perfect girlfriend/boyfriend"

Obsessing over how to dress?

They say dress to impress, and that your outward appearance is a reflection of your inward self. They also say it's what's on the inside that counts, and you can't judge a book by its cover.

But if you like your fuzzy, blue cow-print pajamas and you're comfortable, should you cater to the world or should you dress to please yourself? Alas, the clothing conundrum has been created, filled with gray areas and iffy outfits. But there are some rules of thumb to follow.

Here is my theory: We don't all have the time, money or desire to meet societal standards of dress, but there are a few times when clothing matters. Dress how you please in all situations but the following three, and you will likely avoid awkward judgment and unwanted rejection.

1. Job interviews

If what you wear ever matters, this is the time. According to jobsearch.com, the first impression you make on an employer is the most important one, and clothes are the first thing that they will judge. This goes for all interview-type situations, whether it's meeting new coworkers or being introduced to a significant other's parents for the first time.

2. Formal events

These include plays, dance recitals, weddings, nice restaurants and the like. Of course, use your own discretion on this one, but generally go for a more formal attire. The farmers' market does not call for slacks and blouses, and baseball caps and torn T-shirts are perfectly acceptable for evening sporting events.

3. The workplace

Any location that enforces a dress code is

hard to get around, but there are pros and cons. If there's a uniform, it saves you the trouble of choosing altogether. If there isn't, just take a look at the attire of those worn around you and emulate. You can add individuality with accessories and shoes. You don't have to conform and become a corporate tool, but you do have to meet certain expectations.

Though some may be reluctant to conform with the rules of attire, there are definitely times when they will get you ahead, keep you from causing unwanted waves, and prevent you from being forcefully removed out of places.

It's great to be an individual and wear what you please, but there are times when dressing to please the crowd around you helps.

Should we care what other people think? No. Should we dress to meet other's expectations? No. Should your outfit be an indicator of your quality and character? Absolutely not! Unfortunately for the pajama-loving, thrift store-wearing masses (myself included), it often is.

Dr. Seuss said, "Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind."

Though you should dress

to please yourself (and for those who are pleased by societal clothing standards, you've read too far), there are times when it pays to dress to the satisfaction of others, despite Dr. Seuss' best advice.

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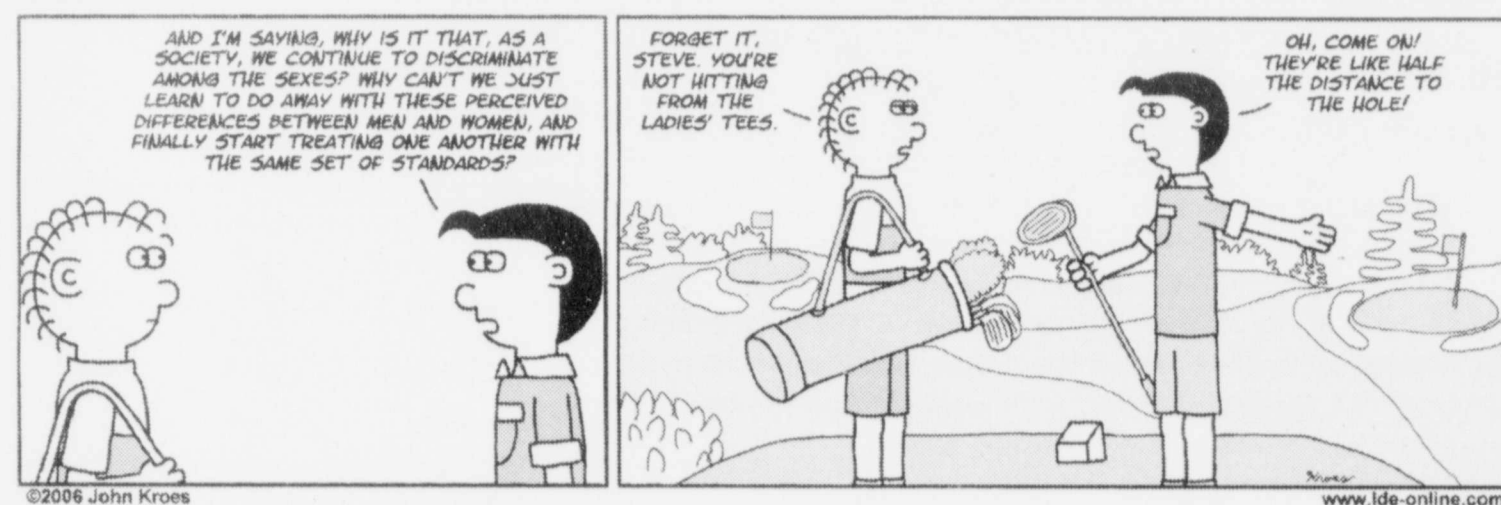
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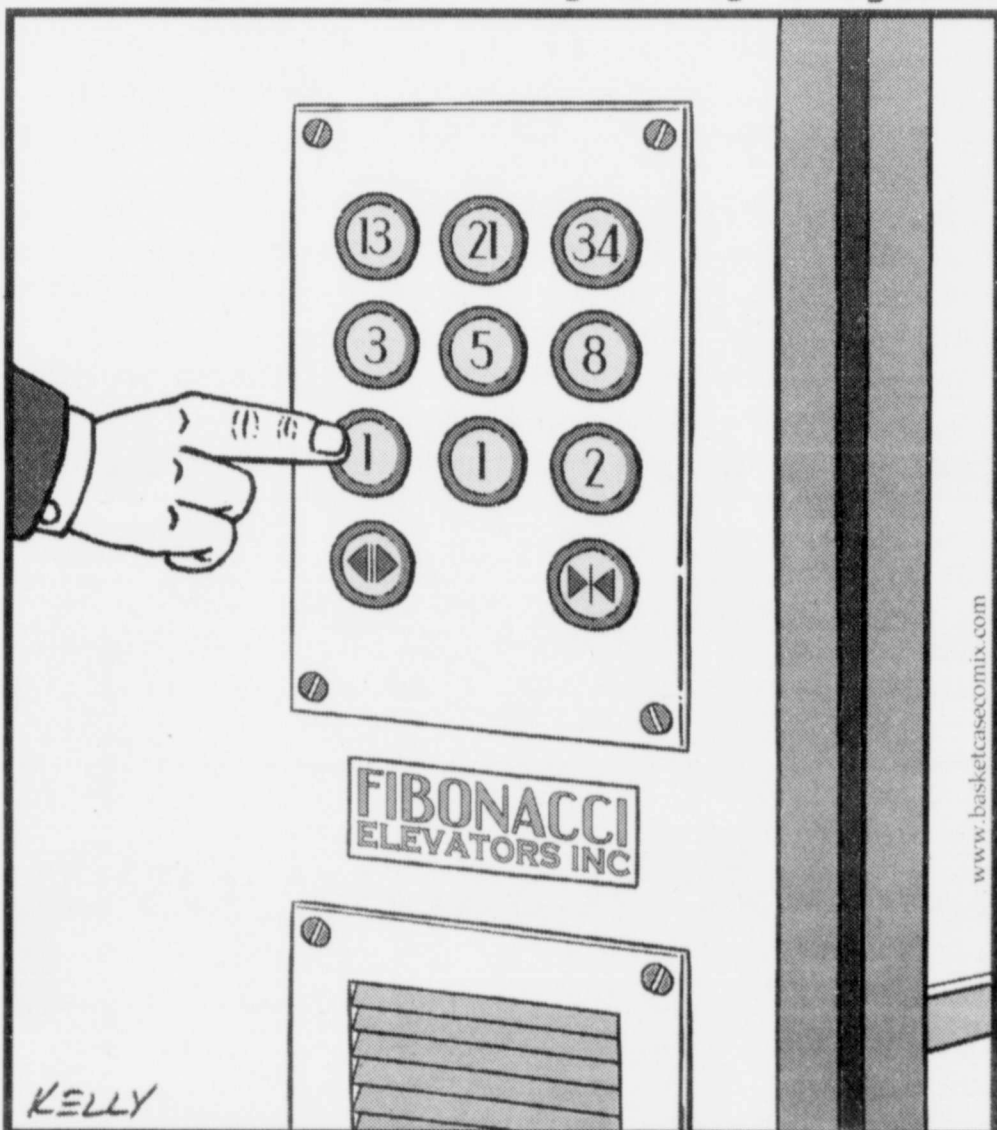
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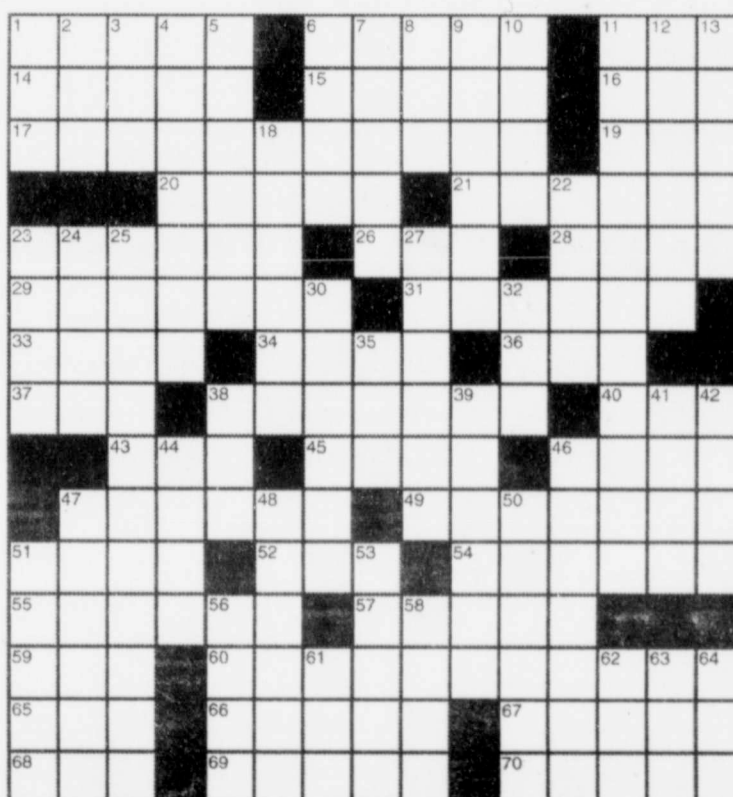
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- Low pitch symbol
 - Prepare for a physical exam
 - Upper limit
 - Where the action is
 - Not the whole thing
 - "Say what?"
 - Mercury
 - In the past
 - Wasn't quite vertical
 - Where to spend time with moguls?
 - What French fries are fried in
 - Poli ____
 - Other, in Zaragoza
 - All riled up
 - Working the desk, say
 - Listing in Hoyle's
 - Tower-top attraction
 - Bear, in Bilbao
 - Chicago-to-Pittsburgh dir.
 - Ate, but not much
 - "Bill Moyers Journal" ailer
 - Hawks' and Raptors' grp.
 - Archer who aims for the heart
 - Sheriff Andy Taylor's kid
 - Part of the Kazakhstan landscape
 - Neil Simon's "Lost in ____"
 - Fine spray
 - Type measures
 - SATs
 - And so on and so forth
 - Courtier
 - Barracks boss, for short
 - Easily set off, as a temper
- Down**
- Help page rubric
 - Premier ____ (wine designation)
 - Grass skirt accessory
 - Hem in
 - Try to get by through bluffing
 - English
 - Pinball game stoppers
 - Gun in the garage?
 - Strands after a blizzard
 - Free use of a company car, say
 - #1 on the Hot 100
 - Prognostication
 - LP player
 - Spit
 - Notes in a pot
 - Engage
 - Big burden
 - Discoverer of stars?
 - See 30-Down
 - With 27-Down, western cry
 - Pixel
 - Wave catcher?
 - Chance
 - Bygone French coin
 - "I'm so bored" feeling
 - Smoked or pickled
 - Tsp. or qt. Abbr.
 - Oglers



Puzzle by Stephen Edward Anderson

- Weather map line
- Word with early or whirly
- Legis. meeting
- "La Belle et la ____"
- Nice enough fellow
- Soap alternative
- State trees of Texas
- "I ain't buyin' it!"
- It has a test of brightness
- Walk proudly
- Sister and wife of Hyperion
- Former newspaper publisher — Chandler
- Elected group
- M.A. hopeful's test
- Suffix with election
- Pikes, e.g.: Abbr.

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Kung Pow Panda

Football

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screaming out their name at practice and stuff," he says. "It's not like Davis, but it's still the second-biggest rivalry.

Finals

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practiced at their workout facility in El Segundo, Calif., on Monday. "It's good for both of us to be here. He's a great guy."

Pierce had his own problems. The Celtics had been accumulating young talent like Al Jefferson, Delonte West, Ryan Gomes, Rajon Rondo and Kendrick Perkins, but they had few wins — 24, to be exact — to show for it.

When the draft lottery didn't yield a potential star like Greg Oden or Kevin Durant, the team's next title seemed far in the future.

"We were at a point where we were frustrated with the moves. The most obvious thing to do was to trade your star player for some young pieces and rebuild from there," said Pierce, the longest-tenured Celtics player since the original Big Three.

"I pretty much thought it was over. I can't even explain it. I thought I was going to be a Los Angeles Clipper; I thought I was going to be anywhere but the Celtics," he said. "All I know is if I wasn't a Celtic, right now I'd be home."

Instead, the Celtics built around Pierce, adding Ray Allen and Kevin Garnett in one of the most dramatic

It brings everyone together and is always a physical game."

Andrew Gardner, Cal Poly's junior-to-be kicker and a Davis native, agreed about the rivalry's place.

"Whenever you play a team also on your level, another CSU school, a

lot of guys here were also recruited by Sac State," he says. "So there's going to be a lot of competition there. I would think both teams would want to play each other because travel costs can be so much more than just driving up the I-5 to get to the game."

other way.

"I was just happy he stayed out West" where he would only face Boston twice a year, Rivers said. "But I'm glad it worked out the way it worked out. Just like Paul Pierce is a Celtic, Kobe is a Laker."

overhauls in league history.

The team that went 24-58 with a bunch of young players won 66 games this year and put the Celtics in the finals for the first time since 1987.

"I get the pleasure of seeing him play every night, but they could have went a different way," Garnett said. "I'm glad to see the organization stand behind a guy who has been able to give his all for them, for them to step up and actually give him some players and some help, so that he can reach his goals as a basketball player."

"When you're a competitor, man, the one thing you want is a chance. They obviously went out and made the right deals. So my hat goes off to them."

The Lakers made a deal of their own, acquiring Pau Gasol from the Grizzlies on Feb. 1 to help turn around a team that had shown promise before losing five of seven.

After Gasol joined them, the Lakers won 12 of their next 13 games and went 28-9 the rest of the way before going 12-3 against Denver, Utah and San Antonio in the playoffs.

That led them back to Boston, archrivals from 10 previous championship series; the Celtics have won eight. Celtics coach Doc Rivers, who watched the Bryant drama unfold from afar, said he wouldn't want it any

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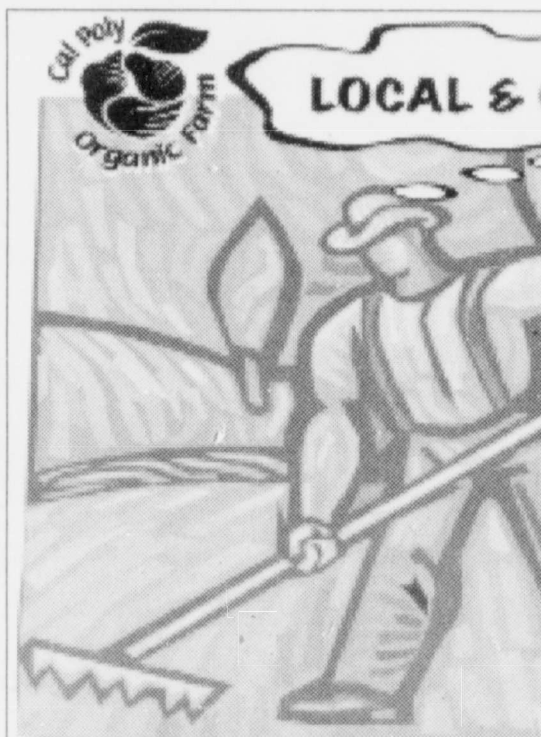
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This is the second of a three-part series about Cal Poly's 2008 football schedule, the school's on-hiatus rivalry with Sacramento State and the dwindling landscape of college football within California.

Opening a hornet's nest



Cal Poly running back Ryan Mole (13), shown Nov. 17, 2007 during a 55-7 win over Iona, rushed for 424 yards and three touchdowns on 55 carries last season. He transferred from Sacramento State following the 2005 season.
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Donovan Aird

ON THE CAL POLY FOOTBALL TEAM'S RIVALRY WITH SACRAMENTO STATE

The football rivalry between Cal Poly and Sacramento State makes almost too much sense.

Of the 125 teams in the Football Championship Subdivision (formerly Division I-AA), each is one of just four in California.

Both are available Oct. 11.

The only California State Universities left in the FCS played each other about evenly once a season for 20 years in a row beginning in 1983.

Things changed after Cal Poly won four straight starting in 2003 — 31-17, 58-13, 37-13 and 17-10 — twice in San Luis Obispo and twice in Sacramento.

After 24 consecutive seasons of meeting, the Hornets walked away from the Mustangs in 2006. This season, despite the coinciding open dates, the teams again won't face each other.

"They're trying to right their ship so they can start playing us (again)," says Cal Poly athletics director Alison Cone. "Right now, they feel it's not in their best interest to play us."

According to Sacramento State athletics director Terry Wanless, Northern Colorado's 2006 entry into the Big Sky Conference effectually suspended the series (tied at 15-15 all-time) because the Hornets then had to account for eight conference games

instead of seven.

"If there's a date both of us are still unfilled on, it would just be a coincidence," Wanless says.

Wanless explains the program's non-conference scheduling approach as one including, by default, a Causeway Classic installment with nearby UC Davis (giving Sacramento State nine total dates) and a Football Bowl Subdivision (formerly Division I-A) or "money" game (10 dates) balanced with a non-Division I game, usually at the Division II level (11 dates).

All that checks out with the Hornets' 2008 slate.

For the 12th game, however, Sacramento State looked outside all of Divisions I, II and III, and arranged a Sept. 13 welcome of Southern Oregon, an NAIA independent that went 5-4 last season.

"Unfortunately, we've had to make some choices in the best interest of our program, and things dictated to us by the expansion of our league led us down this path," Wanless says.

While the Hornets host the Ashland, Ore. school of fewer than 5,000 — with an official Web site listing the location of a 2007 season finale simply as "Unknown" — Cal Poly will be visiting FCS McNeese State, a conference champion in 2007 that entered the postseason undefeated before

being upset in the first round.

It will be the first of two consecutive weeks the Mustangs will spend in Louisiana before later making trips to South Dakota State and Wisconsin.

"What's left are the other teams that nobody else wants to play," Cal Poly head coach Rich Ellerson says.

The Hornets, meanwhile, won't travel east of Colorado.

Although they'll have played 12 games, Cal Poly almost surely will finish with only 11, jeopardizing a seven-win mark necessary to earn at-large consideration for the playoffs.

"I thought we'd still be playing them when I came here," says Mustangs senior-to-be running back Ryan Mole, who transferred following the 2005 season from Sacramento State, where he rushed for a total of 1,626 yards. "I was excited about playing my old teammates. I don't know why we dropped them or they dropped us; I guess people just don't want to put us on the schedule."

While the rivalry may not be as historic as UC Davis' with both, it still had special meaning, Mole says.

"It actually is pretty intense, that whole week, for both teams, with everybody

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Pierce, Bryant meet in finals

Jimmy Golden
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WALTHAM, Mass. — Paul Pierce and Kobe Bryant were playing pickup basketball in a UCLA gym last summer, a couple of frustrated NBA stars trying to sweat away the memory of a disappointing season. Talk soon turned to trades.

Bryant had lashed out at Lakers management for assembling a team that hadn't won a playoff series in three years. Boston had gone four years, and Pierce worried that he might become the trade bait that kick-starts the rebuilding process.

"I remember being in the gym with Kobe, and me and him were arguing over who was going to get traded first," Pierce said Monday after the Celtics held their first practice in preparation for the NBA finals.

"He went public about getting traded, ... and I was like, 'Shoot, I'm going to get traded before you,' and betting that it would happen. That's what's so crazy; now we're both here sitting in the finals, where a year ago we were both in the gym."

No one wound up paying off the undisclosed stakes. Instead, both players stuck with the only NBA teams they've ever known and earned the chance to play for a championship.

Game 1 of the best-of-seven series is Thursday night in Boston.

Bryant has already won three NBA titles, teaming up with Shaquille O'Neal to win in consecutive years from 2000-02. They made one more run at it in 2004, losing to Detroit in the finals before O'Neal was traded away; it was Bryant's team, for better or worse.

The Lakers missed the playoffs the next year for just the second time in almost 30 years, followed by two straight first-round losses that left Bryant wondering.

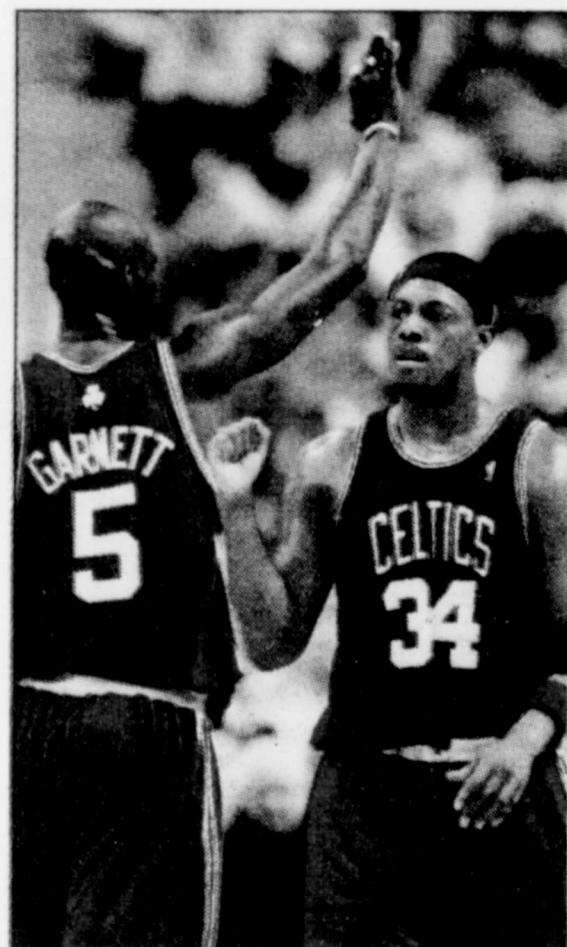
Then, he snapped.

Bryant called the team's front office a mess and said he wanted to be traded. Then he said he didn't. Then he said he did.

In the middle of the hubbub, he found himself sharing a post-pickup swig of water with Pierce.

"Both of us kind of being in the same boat — the irony that we're both in the finals is cool," Bryant said after the Lakers

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Boston Celtics forwards Kevin Garnett and Paul Pierce celebrate a win over the Detroit Pistons on Friday in Auburn Hills, Mich.

Bertoni shoots a 134, qualifies for U.S. Open

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Former Cal Poly golfer Travis Bertoni qualified Monday for the U.S. Open by carding back-to-back rounds of 67 in the Tennessee Sectional at the Cordova Country Club in Cordova, Tenn.

The Paso Robles High alumnus shot a 10-under-par 134 total on the 6,305-yard, par-72 layout to finish in a sixth-place tie.

PGA Tour professional John Merrick carded two 65s to win the event with a 130 total.

From 2003 to 2006, Bertoni, a three-time Big West Conference Golfer of the Year, won 11 tournaments on behalf of the Mustangs — a total that was fourth all-time on the national list of collegiate wins.

Bertoni, twice bestowed PING All-Pacific Region Team honors by the Golf Coach-

es Association of America, led Cal Poly to its first conference crown in 2005, when he won the individual title. In 2006, he was second individually.

He took the local qualifier by one stroke May 12 by shooting a 66 at the Madisonville Golf and Country Club in Madisonville, Ky.

The U.S. Open will be held June 12 to June 15 at Torrey Pines in San Diego.